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SUBJ: U.S. ARMS FOR PAKISTAN: VIEWS OF DOCK WORKERS' LEADER

S.R. KULKARNI

REF A) NEW DELHI 3035; B) NEW DELHI 3034; C) BOMBAY 0324

1. IN MEETING MARC 5 WITH CONGEN LOCAL LABOR ASSISTAN (WHO
HAS KNOWN HIM FOR MANY YEARS), S.R. KULKARNI APPEARED VERY
RELAXED OVER LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO AND SAID HE HAS TAKEN NO
ACTION FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF HIS STATEMENT FEBRUARY 5 (REF C).
HE HAS NOT WRITTEN TO GEORGE MEANY, KULKARNI SAID, BSO HAD
RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH SOME "MUTUAL FRIENDS" AND REQUESTED
THEM TO CONVEY THE INDIAN POINT OF VIEW TO AFL/CIO LEADERS.

2. KULKARNI STATED HE HAS NO IMMEDIAATE PLANS FOR ANY FURTHER
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ACTION ON THE MATTER AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT INSOFAR AS HE IS CONCERNED THE MATTER IS CLOSED. WHEN WE CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO PARASURAM'S ARTICLE IN MARCH 5 INDIAN EXPRESS REPORTING THAT INDIA ITSELF IS DISCUSSING THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN ARMS (WHICH HE HAD NOT READ), KULKARNI ADMITTED THAT INDIAN PURCHASE OF AMERICAN ARMS WOULD NULLIFY INDIA'S OBJECTIONS TO THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SENSE IN PROTESTING.

3. AS A COROLLARY TO FOREGOING, KULKARNI EMPHASIZED THAT HE IS POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT AND VIEWS EVERY DEVELOPMENT FROM INDIA'S SELF-INTEREST. HE ADDED THAT HE HOLDS NO BRIEF FOR MRS GANDHI AND HER GOVERNMENT AND STATED THAT HIS FUTURE ACTIONS DEPEND ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. WE TAKE THIS TO MEAN THAT HE WILL DECIDE FOR HIMSELF WHETHER HE THINKS SOME PROTEST ACTION BY THE DOCK WORKERS MAY BE WARRANTED AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE AND WILL NOT RPT NOT BE GUIDED BY ADVICE FROM NEW DELHI.
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